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REMARKS

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VPD in Leipzig.

1. Prior to April 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 3172 was located in the former Artillerie Kaserne at 148 Georg-Schumann-Strasse in Leipzig. It numbered 1,600 police, and new personnel were arriving daily. The unit was organized into 2 infantry Kommandos, 1 artillery Kommando, 1 armored Kommando and 7 Sonderabteilungen. The 25X1A officers of the unit included VP Kommandeur Wallbaum, (fnu), commanding officer; VP Oberrat Helwig, (fnu), PK officer; VP Oberrat Gebauer, (fnu), operations officer; VP Rat Koehn, (fnu), SED secretary; VP Rat Strelitz, (fnu), security instructor; VP Rat Cert, (fnu), commanding officer of 1st Kommando; and VP Kommissar Boehme, (fnu), commanding officer of the engineer Sonderabteilung. Each infantry Kommando was armed with 4 heavy and 4 light Soviet mortars; the artillery Kommando with 3 Soviet 120-mm guns; and the armored Kommando with 2 T-34 tanks. The unit was equipped with 4 or 5 ZIS trucks, 4 BMW sedans and 6 other sedans. \*

VPD in Weissenfels.

2. Prior to 6 April 1951, the VPD in Weissenfels (M 52/J 99) was located in the barracks installations at 102 Zeitzer Strasse. It numbered about 1,500 police and was organized into 4 Kommandos and 7 Sonderabteilungen, being mortar, signal-communications, AT artillery, engineer, AAA, artillery and armored units. Key officers of the unit were VP Kommandeur Kiesewetter, (fnu), commanding officer; and VP Oberrat Gaigen, (fnu), PK officer. The unit was equipped with 2 x 80-mm AA guns, 3 T-34 tanks and small arms for the entire unit. \*\*

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25X1A ~~SECRET~~ Comment. According to previous information, the unit is the VPD Leipzig II. In contrast to the organization stated in the present report, it is believed that the VPD in Leipzig, like most of the other VPDs, has three infantry Kommandos and an armored seventh Sonderabteilung. ~~SECRET~~ It is also doubted that the infantry Kommando is equipped with heavy mortars. It is believed that only the mortar Sonderabteilung is equipped with 120-mm mortars.

25X1A ~~SECRET~~ Comment. The report confirms previous information on the location, strength and officers of the VPD in Weissenfels. See

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